

The U.S. Geological Survey Montana Water Science Center Streamflow-Gaging Program in 2006

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As the primary Federal Science agency for water-resources information, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) monitors the quantity of water in the Nation's rivers and streams. In 2006, the USGS Montana Water Science Center operated 237 streamflow-gaging stations at various locations throughout Montana and surrounding areas. Funding for these gages comes from either direct Federal money allocated to the USGS (about 25 percent), other Federal agencies (about 35 percent) or from State and local agencies (about 40 percent). Thirty Federal, State, and local agencies provided funding to the streamflow-gaging program. This presentation identifies these agencies and the numbers of gages they support.